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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7394**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1614

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 5, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Town Police Departments.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Whetstone

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill specifies that laws concerning police and fire employment policies apply to towns and townships. It provides that a statute concerning the appointment of a police chief or deputy police chief applies to a town that does not have a town marshal system. The bill also allows a town that has a board of metropolitan police commissioners to establish a police merit system. It specifies that the residency requirements in a law concerning police employment policies do not apply to a town police department with a board of metropolitan police commissioners.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill would allow a town that already has a board of metropolitan police commissioners to establish a police merit system as well. Towns that choose to establish a police merit system must also establish a five-member commission. The members of the commission are entitled to receive per diem as set by the town legislative body. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on local action.

The bill also specifies requirements for appointing a police chief and deputy police chief in a town that does not have a town marshal system. The requirements are the same as those required of cities. This provision applies to a police chief who is appointed after June 30, 2003. The fiscal impact of this provision should be minimal.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Towns.

**Information Sources:**

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